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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTIVATES  
RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO ASSIST FORMER ALOHA AIR CARGO  
EMPLOYEES**

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) has activated its Rapid Response Team to assist the nearly 300 Aloha Air cargo employees who were laid off today. The Rapid Response Team is composed of staff from the DLIR's Workforce Development Division and Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Human Resources and Development, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Department of Health, Department of Human Services and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Officials from the DLIR are communicating with Aloha Airlines management in disseminating information to its employees.

Meetings for affected employees living on O'ahu will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at:

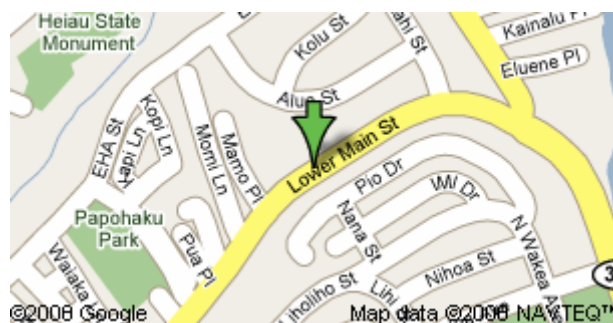
Princess Ruth Keelikolani Bldg. (DLIR and DOTAX Bldg.)  
830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 310  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
(808) 586-8844



Meetings for affected employees residing on the neighbor islands will also be held on Thursday, May 1 at the following times and locations:

### **MAUI**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: ILWU Local 142 Meeting hall  
896 Lower Main Street  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793



### **KAUA'I**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: ILWU Local 142 Meeting Hall  
4151 Hardy Street  
Lihue, Hawai'i 96766



## **BIG ISLAND**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

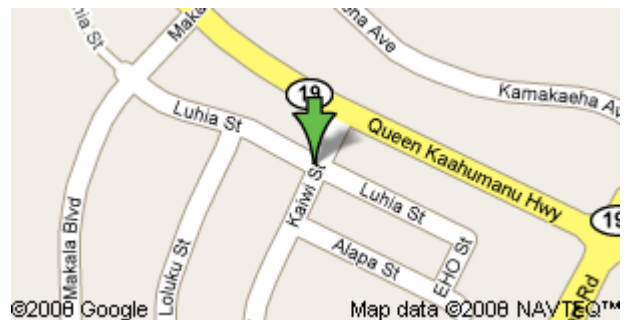
### **HILO**

Office of Housing and Community Development  
1990 Kinooie Street, Suite 104  
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720



### **KONA**

Kaiwi Square  
74-5565 Luhia Street C-4  
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740



The Rapid Response team will provide an array of services for these dislocated workers, including skills assessment, individual counseling, career planning, employment development, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, job-readiness training and adult education. Participants will also be provided information regarding welfare assistance and medical benefits. Further, supportive counseling will be provided to employees and their families affected by the closure of Aloha Air Cargo. Supportive services will be provided by the State Department of Health's Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD).

Project participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

"It is disappointing to hear the news regarding Aloha Air Cargo's closure," said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "Governor Lingle and the entire Administration are committed to doing all we can to help these workers transition to new job opportunities and to minimize the impact on their families."

DLIR activated similar Rapid Response Teams to assist with Aloha's passengers service employees who were laid off as well those affected by the shutdown of ATA Airlines.

Additional information is available on the DLIR website at: [www.hawaii.gov/labor](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor).

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Services provided by the DLIR's Rapid Response team include the following:

- A. Skills assessment
- B. Individual counseling
- C. Career planning
- D. Employment development
- E. Occupational skills training
- F. On-the-job training
- G. Entrepreneurial training
- H. Job-readiness training and adult education.

Project participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

## **STATEWIDE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR ALOHA AIRLINES CARGO EMPLOYEES**

- O'ahu: Princess Ruth Keelikolani Bldg. (2 sessions: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)  
Suite 310 (Department of Labor and Industrial Relations)  
830 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Phone: (808) 586-8842
- Maui: ILWU Local 142 Meeting Hall (1 Session at 10:00 a.m.)  
896 Lower Main Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- Kaua'i: ILWU Local 142 Meeting Hall (1 Session at 9:00 a.m.)  
4151 Hardy Street  
Lihue, HI 96766
- Kona: Kaiwi Square (1 Session at 9:00 a.m.)  
74-5565 Luhia Street C-4  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
- Hilo: Office of Housing and Community Development (1 Session at 9:00 a.m.)  
1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 104  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Director's Office: 808-586-8844

Unemployment Insurance Tele-Claim Number: 808-643-5555

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Filing Number: 808-643-2222

Unemployment Insurance Toll Free Number: 1-877-215-5793

Unemployment Insurance Claim Office: 808-586-9070

Honolulu Claims Office: 808-586-8970

Waipahu Claims Office: 808-675-0030

Kane'ohe Claims Office: 808-233-3677

Hilo Branch Office: 808-974-4086

Kona Branch Office: 808-322-4822

Maui Branch Office: 808-984-8400

Kaunakakai Claims Office: 808-553-1750

Kaua'i Branch Office: 808-274-3043

Workforce Development Office: 808-586-8877

Honolulu Office: 808-586-8700

Waipahu Office: 808-675-0010

Kane'ohe Office: 808-233-3700

Kapolei Office: 808-692-7630

Hilo Office: 808-981-2860

Kona Office: 808-327-4770

Maui Office: 808-984-2091

Kaunakakai Office: 808-553-1755

Kaua'i Office: 808-274-3056

Department of Human Services

Director's Office: 808-586-4997 / Information: 808-586-4882

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Chairman's Office: 808-586-3801 / Information: 808-586-3840

East Hawai'i Office: 808-974-4250

West Hawai'i Office: 808-887-6053

Maui Office: 808-760-5120

Moloka'i Office: 808-560-6104

Kaua'i Office: 808-274-3131

Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism

Director's Office: 808-586-2355 / Information: 808-586-2423

Department of Human Resources Development

Director's Office: 808-587-1100